

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for implanting the distal tip of a penile implant prosthesis without puncturing the glans penis, said device comprising an elongated body having a handle portion at one end, an intermediate portion, and a tip portion that includes a hole at the opposing end to secure a suture, wherein said ~~[[handle]]~~ intermediate portion includes an outwardly angled shaft section and linear handle section, and wherein the linear handle section is aligned in spaced and parallel relation to the axis of the outwardly angled shaft section, and wherein said outwardly angled shaft section has a convexity sized to accommodate and partially surround said distal tip of said penile implant prosthesis along a length of said distal tip.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said outwardly angled shaft section has ~~[[having]]~~ a convexity ~~and size~~ ranging from about 0.5 cm to about 1.5 cm.

5. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said ~~[[handle]]~~ said outwardly angled shaft section of said intermediate portion has measurements calibrated to accommodate prosthesis dimensions and inform the operator of the exact distance of the distal tip inside the penile shaft.

6. (Currently Amended) A device for implanting the cylindrically-shaped proximal tip of a penile implant prosthesis comprising an elongate shaft including a handle at one end and a receptacle at an opposing end, ~~wherein said handle is etched with numbers and grooves to permit precise positioning of the prosthesis in the penis,~~ wherein said shaft is provided with a convexity sized to accommodate and partially surround said proximal tip of said penile implant prosthesis along a length of said proximal tip, wherein said receptacle is configured to physically engage at least a portion of said proximal tip of said penile implant prosthesis, and wherein said receptacle is designed to fit circumferentially about at least a portion of the cylindrical shape of the proximal tip.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 6, wherein said receptacle has a ~~convex cross-section,~~ fusiform configuration and smooth peripheral edge and finish.

9. (Original) The device according to claim 6 wherein said device has a smooth peripheral edge and finish which guards against damage to penile tissue and the prosthesis device in the surgical placement of the prosthesis.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 6, wherein the receptacle at its widest cross-section has a dimension of about 1 cm.

11. (Original) The device according to claim 6, wherein said receptacle conforms and support the junction of the prosthesis cylinder and the connection with the tubing of the prosthesis.

12. (Original) The device according to claim 6 wherein a notch of similar diameter with the tubing is utilized as a receptacle.

13. – 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An improved penile prosthesis device comprising:

- a. at least one cylinder having a proximal portion and a distal portion implantable within a corpus cavernosum of the penis, said cylinder having a defined, tool-engaging cradle on the external surface of a distal tip of the distal portion;
- b. a fluid containing reservoir;
- c. a pump chamber attached to said reservoir chamber;
- d. a means coupled to said cylinder and said pump chamber for providing fluid communication between said cylinder and said pump chamber; and
- e. a means for controlling fluid communication between said reservoir chamber and said pump chamber;

wherein said cradle allows the insertion of the distal tip of said penile prosthesis to be implanted into the glans penis without puncturing said glans penis.

18. (Original) A penile prosthesis according to claim 17, which is made of silicone.

19. (Original) A penile prosthesis according to claim 17 wherein the cradle is made by a fold that is attached to the tip of the cylinder.
20. (Original) The penile prosthesis according to claim 17, wherein the cradle is located about 5 mm from the distal tip of the cylinder.
21. (Original) The cradle of claim 17, which is made of soft silicone.
22. (Original) A method of implanting the penile prosthesis of claim 17 without puncturing the glans penis or the penile prosthesis, said method comprising the steps of
- a. inserting a totally deflated cylinder together with an insertion tool through an aperture into the corpus cavernosum;
 - b. securing the distal tip by holding the tip of the penis and the tool;
 - c. disengaging the tool from the cradle; and
 - e. pulling the tool back and out of the glans penis.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said aperture is smaller than that required with an inflated cylinder.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein insertion of the deflated cylinder requires only a small aperture, resulting in a decrease in post-operative scarring.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said insertion tool comprises an elongated shaft including a handle at one end and a blunt end at the opposite ends, and wherein said blunt end is designed to conform to the cradle in the prosthesis.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of implanting a penile prosthesis device without puncturing the glans penis or the penile prosthesis, said method comprising the steps of:

a. threading a suture through the opening located at the distal tip of an insertion tool having a shaft with an opening therein;

b. securing said suture around the shaft opening so as to fasten the cylinder of said penile prosthesis to the distal tip of said insertion tool;

c. positioning the distal tip of the prosthesis cylinder for implantation; and

d. pulling the insertion tool and suture back out of the penis.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of implanting a penile prosthesis device, that includes a cylinder, without puncturing the glans penis or the penile prosthesis, said method comprising the steps of:

a. threading a suture through the opening located at the distal tip of an insertion tool;

b. securing said suture substantially about an external circumference of a distal end of said cylinder below a distal tip of said cylinder ~~through a tunnel located on the distal tip of the distal prosthesis~~ so as to ~~fasten~~ secure the cylinder of said penile prosthesis to the distal tip of said insertion tool;

c. positioning the distal tip of the prosthesis cylinder for implantation; and

d. pulling the insertion tool and suture back out of the penis.

Please add the following new claims:

28. (New) The device of claim 6, wherein said shaft is etched with numbers and grooves to permit precise positioning of the prosthesis in the penis.